

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **SITE REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Potential Rulemaking, N.J.A.C. 7:14B**

**Take notice** that the Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Protection (Department) is requesting that interested persons submit comments concerning potential rulemaking regarding the regulation of underground storage tank dispenser and piping sumps and spill catchment basins. The Department is considering requirements to ensure that spill catchment basins and dispenser and piping sumps do not discharge hazardous substances to the environment. These requirements would include routine tightness testing and an upgrade deadline for underground storage tank facilities to install such equipment. Until facilities have been upgraded with spill catchment basins and dispenser and piping sumps, the Department is also considering requiring routine site investigations for dispensers and tank top fittings without product tight sumps.

These amendments are being considered as a result of the number of sites documented by the Department where discharges from leaking dispensers or spill catchment basins have contaminated ground water. Some of this contamination has been significant, especially with methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a gasoline additive which has been found to contaminate many private and public potable wells in New Jersey.

The Department is interested in obtaining input concerning the following:

- Appropriate tests to ensure the integrity of spill catchment basins and sumps;
- The appropriate frequency of testing of spill catchment basins and sumps;
- A reasonable upgrade deadline for installing sumps;

- For those dispensers and tank top fittings which do not have product tight sumps, the reasonable frequency for conducting site investigations to determine if discharges have occurred.

Please submit comments by November 14, 2003 via email to [wayne.howitz@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:wayne.howitz@dep.state.nj.us) or in writing to:

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